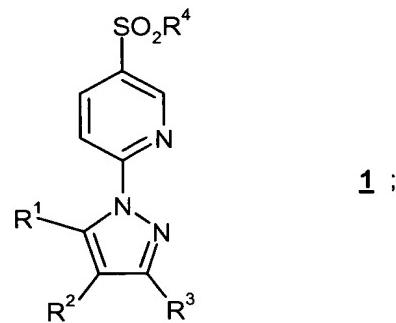


PROCESS FOR PREPARING HETEROCYCLO-ALKYLSULFONYL  
PYRAZOLE DERIVATIVES

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ABSTRACT OF THE INVENTION

The invention relates to processes for preparing compounds of formula 1:



10 as well as intermediates useful in such processes, wherein R¹ – R⁴ are as defined herein. The compounds of formula 1 are useful in the treatment or alleviation of inflammation and other inflammation associated disorders.